Price decontrol of anti-diabetic drugs

2229. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that important anti-diabetic drugs such as Phenformin HCl, Chlorpropamide, Metformin Glipizide and Tolbutomide have been recommended for price decontrol by the Kelkar Committee;

(b) whether it is also a fact that each one of these drugs has significant sales turn-over and growth; and

(c) if so, what was the total sales turnover of each drug during 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The drugs referred to in the question are exempted from price control as per recommendations of the Kelkar Committee.

(b) and (c) Sales turnover of formulations is not monitored and the required information is therefore not available.

Fixation of drug prices

2230. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to fix the prices of a number of drug unilaterally; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government have so far fixed the ceiling prices in respect of some Category-I formulations based on the bulk drugs Ethambutol, Pyrazinamide, Sulphacetamide, Acetazolamide, INH and Atropine on the basis of Cost data already available with the Government as per provisions of DPCO, 1987.

Shortage of LPG Cylinders

2231. SHRI B. L. PANWAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1321 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th March, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the shortage of gas cylinders is so acute that hundreds of consumers have not received cylinders for the last more than one month in Gurgaon (Haryana) and Ghaziabad (U.P.); and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the details of the steps being taken by Government to ensure timely supply of gas cylinders to the consumers in Ghaziabad and Gurgaon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) A backlog in supply of LPG refills has developed in recent months in the Northern Region including at Gurgaon (Haryana) and Ghaziabad (U.P.) due to extended shutdown of Mathura Refinery during October, 1987, transporters strike and operational and IR problems at HPC's Shakurbasti Bottling Plant. Efforts are being made to maximise LPG production in the refineries and also augment supplies from other bottling plants, to the extent feasible.

Construction of sectional pipelines from Krishna-Godavari Oil and Gas basins

2232. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the construction of sectional pipelines to the consumer points from Krishna-Godavari oil and gas basins;

(b) whether it is a fact that the natural gas can be used for boosting fertilizer output; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not taking speedy steps for the construction of sectional pipelines to the fertilizer plants in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) ONGC have already started laying gas pipeline along Narsapur Palakolu-Tanuku and a branch line from Palakolu to Bhimavaram. Subsequently Tanuku and Kovvur are also proposed to be connected by gas pipeline.

(b) C1 fraction of natural gas can be used as feedstock for fertilizer production.

(c) Construction/extension of gas pipelines to fertilizer plants in Andhra Pradesh shall be considered after decision for supply of gas to these plants is taken.

मेसर्स गंगा एंटरप्राइजिज द्वारा ग्राहकों को छूट

2233. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक :** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली का एक एल पी जी वितरक, मैसर्स गंगा एन्टरप्राइजिस अपने ग्राहकों को, जब वे गैस सिलेन्डर की सप्लाई स्वयं लेने जाते हैं, तो किसी प्रकार की छूट नहीं देता ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसे मामलों में ग्राहकों को कितनी छूट दी जाती है ; और

(ग) क्या उक्त गैस वितरक को कोई निदेश जारी किए जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव है ताकि उसको दुकान के नोटिस बोर्ड पर आवश्यक सूचना का प्रदर्शित किया जाना सुनिश्चित किया जा सके ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्म दत्त) : (क) से (ग) हिन्दुस्तान पेट्रोलियम कारपोरेशन को इस संबंध में कोई शिकायत नहीं मिली है। तथापि मैं गंगा एंटरप्राइजेज सहित सभी एल पी जी० के वितरकों को आदेश दिये गये हैं कि वे "नकद दो और ले जाओ" योजना के अधीन इच्छा व्यक्त करने वाले उपभोक्ताओं को दो रुपये की छूट दें।

Uniform pattern of DA in public sector enterprises

2234. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the demand of the employees in Public Sector Enterprises for introducing a uniform pattern of dearness allowance there;

(b) whether the recommendations of Mr. Justice R. B. Mishra in this regard have been considered by Government; and

(c) if so, what is the reactions of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Government has been endeavouring all along to introduce a uniform pattern of industrial Dearness Allowance in all Public Sector Enterprises.

(b) Justice R. B. Mishra Committee is yet to submit its final report.

(c) Does not arise.

Rohtas Industries, Dalmia Nagar

2235. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the case of Rohtas Industries, Dalmia Nagar, Bihar has been referred to the Sick Industrial Rehabilitation Board with a view to examining the pros and cons for the revival of the said industries; and

(b) if so, when the case was referred and by when the report is expected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF